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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I express my fullest support regarding the Microsoft settlement. This settlement should bring any pending issues against Microsoft to closure. Microsoft did not deserve to go through such a long litigation.

The terms in the settlement are very beneficial to software developers. As a writer of database programs in the chemical engineering field I have personally enjoyed using Microsoft programs. The only real concern I have is the recent allegations from AOL/TIME Warner (Netscape) about the Internet web browsers. I am confident the U.S. Government will try and resolve their issues.

Overall, the settlement should reap big benefits for businesses and individual consumers. Because it allows computer-makers the flexibility to configure Windows as well as the ability to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Erickson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Stephen Erickson